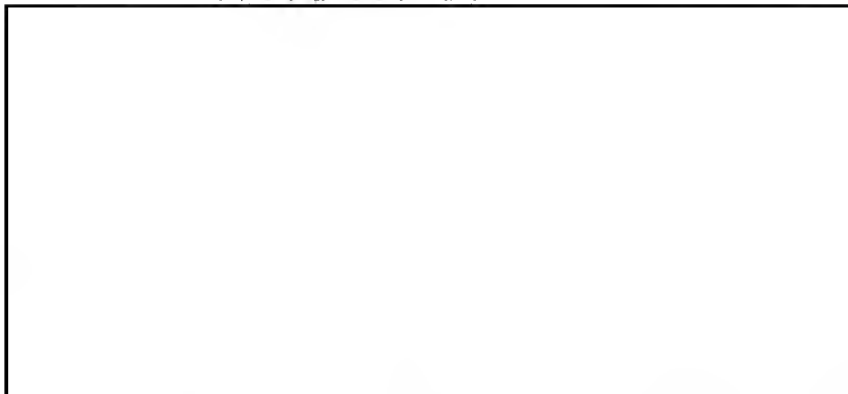


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- I. Ten VM bns heading Luang Prabang.
 - A. Elements within 60 miles.
 - B. Still 22 bns Dien Bien Phu.
 - C. More may head south.
 - D. French have sent 6 bns. to Luang Prabang, making total 14 now there and guarding approaches; only 12 reserve bns in delta.



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III. Delta guerrillas more active.

- A. Many attacks past week.
- B. Six VM bns added -- total 18.

IV. Guerrillas active central Laos
and Annam.

- A. East of Savannakhet
- B. Pleiku area in so. Annam.

V. Vietnamese desertion south of Saigon

- A. Area has been quiet militarily.
- B. VM subverts Vietnamese troops.
- C. Further example enemy
coordination.

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CORRECTION TO
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French reserve in the Delta, according to the latest information, is 12 battalions, rather than 19.

In yesterday's outline, point I-D should be reworded:

"French have sent 6 battalions from Delta reserve to Luang Prabang, making total of 14 now there and guarding approaches. Only 12 reserve battalions are now left in Delta."

In point III-A, the figure should be changed from 19 to 12.

The reduction by seven is accounted for by the six going to Luang Prabang and one to Thakhek.

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